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### Metro Centre to host Haiti benefit

MUSIC Halifax will be home to a benefit concert next month to support the relief effort in Haiti.

The concert will feature the Halifax-based musical group DRUM! and other artists, who have yet to be named. The show is scheduled for the Halifax Metro Centre on Monday, Feb. 8 at 7:30 p.m. Ticket prices and on-sale date have yet to be determined.

Brookes Diamond Productions said in a release Thursday that it has been working since the earthquake to put the show together. METRO HALIFAX

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### RCMP officer found dead

### Earthquake claims Sqt. Mark Gallagher, in Haiti as part of UN mission

PHILIP CROUCHER

Sgt. Mark Gallagher, described as a "great per-son" and a "wonderful individual," has died from this week's devastating earthquake in Haiti.

"It's like a loss of a family member. We will feel this pain," a sombre RCMP Deputy Commissioner of where he trained Haitian Atlantic Canada Steve Graham told Thursday night at its headquarters in Halifax.

ing news." Gallagher,

known in both po- Mark Gallagher lice and media circles, left Halifax in July for a peace operation in Haiti

'This is devastat-

police as part of a UN mission. Prior to that, the 50-year-old spent two years as the public relations officer for the RCMP in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

Gallagher's wife, Lisa, said she spoke with him just 30 minutes before the quake. Police say

Haiti Crisis

his body was recovered Thursday afternoon in the Haiti capital of Port-au-Prince. The remains of the Bathurst, N.B., native were recovered under the collapsed remains of the building in which he was living.

"We will all miss Mark and we will make sure support continues for his fami-Îy," Graham said.

Gallagher and his wife had two adult children Heather and Shane, Police say arrangements are now being made to bring the 20-year police veteran's body to Canada where a funeral will be held.

MORE COVERAGE, PAGES 3, 6 & 8

### 'The people of Canada are behind you': MacKay

MONIQUE MUISE

AID With a thunderous metallic groan, two Canadian warships pulled away from the Halifax dockyards Thursday, bound for a tiny island nation in the grips of one of the worst humanitarian disasters in recent memory.

There was little time for farewells or drawn-out speeches as 500 crewmembers aboard the HMCS Halifax and HMCS Athabaskan secured the last of their provisions and prepared to depart for Haiti, where a 7.0-magnitude earthquake has brought utter devasta-

Defence Minister Peter MacKay was on hand for the send-off, and praised

crews for record" response time.

"I know this mission has come about extremely quickly, but that's the na-ture of what you do," he said. "The people of Canada are behind you."

Hundreds of naval personnel lined the decks of nearby HMCS Montreal and HMCS Charlottetown, standing at attention as the ships slipped out into the harbour and quickly faded to grey-coloured specks on the horizon.

They will likely be gone for over a month.

It will be five days before the ships reach Haiti, where they will aid in search-and-rescue efforts and distribute clothes, purified water, food, tents, blankets, and medical sup-



Crew from the HMCS Montreal watch as the HMCS Athabaskan heads out of Halifax harbour and out to sea on Thursday. The Athabaskan and the HMCS Halifax are heading to Haiti to assist in the humanitarian effort following Tuesday's devastating earthquake.



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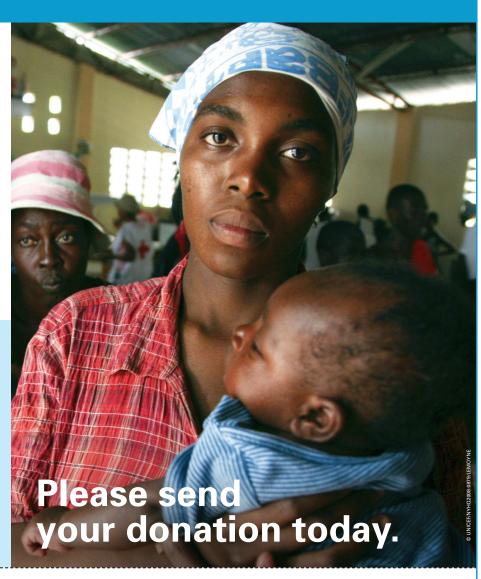
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### No plans for provincial police: Landry

Nova Scotia Justice Minister Ross Landry, left, says the creation of a new provincial police force is not on his government's current agenda. Landry said the province is presently ne gotiating with the RCMP to renew their contract to continue to serve as the provincia police force in 2012. The Nova Scotia Chiefs of Police Association in 2008 was advocating significant changes to policing in Nova Scotia that could possibly lead some day to the formation of a provincial police force, according to news reports. **CAPE BRETON POST** 

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#### **News** in brief

BABY DEATH A 23-month-old girl has died almost a week after she ingested the drug methadone while inside her rural New Brunswick home. RCMP say the child, whose name was not released, died Wednesday at the IWK Health Centre. The circumstances of her death are treated as suspicious, RCMP say.

THE CANADIAN PRESS **BLAZE** A Dartmouth home was ravaged by fire Thursday morning. Halifax Regional Fire spokesman Capt. Dave Meldrum said the blaze at 42 Skeena Dr. started in the basement and worked up to the main floor, causing severe damage. He said no one was home at the time, but two cats reportedly inside did die. The cause is under investigation.

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**Blogs** John Molinaro of CBC Sports joins It's Called Football to discuss Canada's future World

### **Red Cross donations pour in**

Burnside location expands hours to accept more money

### Haiti Crisis

AMY BOND

**Heywot Tadesse says** when she first heard about the devastating earthquake in Haiti, "it

kind of really hit me." So on Thursday the 15year-old used part of her lunch hour to go to the Canadian Red Cross in Burnside and give a dona-

"I just think that it's really big," said Tadesse, reflecting back to when she was and hurricane Katrina devastated the New Orleans

"And now I can actually do something about some-

Tadesse wasn't alone at the Red Cross on Thursday. Officials say it has been busy since the magnitude-7 earthquake struck on Tuesday, with them extending their business hours to accommodate people looking to make cash donations in



A couple walks into the Red Cross office in Dartmouth on Thursday to drop off a donation to help with the efforts in Haiti

Donations can also be made online at redcross.ca or over the telephone.

"It's been busy since just before we opened, actually," Simyon Ilin, a volunteer with the Red Cross in Burnside, said Thursday.

Dartmouth's Barb Powell, who has regularly donated to the Red Cross in past disasters, said the reason she is giving to Haiti is to "treat others like you'd want to be treated."

"If it happened here, then we'd like somebody to help us out," Powell ex-

As of late Thursday, a Red

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Cross spokesperson said they have raised over \$2 million across the country for the Haiti relief effort, with about \$389,000 of that coming from Atlantic Canada.

The numbers do not include government donations nationwide

### work. Four restaurants were also forced to close their doors. Philip Croucher/

Bad wiring blamed for South Street fire

**INVESTIGATION** Faulty wiring is blamed for Tues-

day's fire that ravaged a historic building on South Street in Halifax.

Halifax Regional Fire spokesman Čapt. Dave Mel-

drum said Thursday investi-

gators pinpointed the igni-

He also said the fire was

left homeless from the fire, and it could be weeks

before they can return to

18 different units inside or adjacent to the building,

have all found temporary

places to stay with friends

Three apartments were

the fire, with the others re-

completely destroyed in

quiring extensive repair

their apartments. The tenants, who lived in

or relatives.

tion source to wiring behind a wall inside a closet on the first floor of a unit

at 5,167 South Street.

"accidental in nature." Thirty people have been

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### \$100K to relief efforts Province contributing

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RED CROSS Nova Scotia is donating \$100,000 to aid Red Cross relief efforts in earthquake-devastated Haiti.

Premier Darrell Dexter said Thursday sending money to the reeling Caribbean nation is "simply

a humanitarian response to an extraordinary disaster. He said Nova Scotia could later announce more money or personnel going to Haiti.

"In these times, we all want to do what we can," he said. "We felt very quickly that we were prepared to contribute \$100,000 towards this effort. I think it's



half yes-Also terday, the IWK Health

Centre announced it would sending medical supplies to the victims. A hospital release said Thursday afternoon that \$10,000 in supplies from the chilhospital dren's were shipped to Air Canada Cargo for a flight to Haiti, expected to arrive in the coun-

try sometime Saturday. Supplies include masks, bandages, casting material and syringes.





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Young pedestrian hit by car

Halifax Regional Police say an 18-year-old female was hit by a car while crossing the street Wednesday night on the St. Margarets Bay Road. The woman was sent to the hospital with minor injuries. Witnesses told police the woman was not in the crosswalk when she was hit. METRO HALIFAX

### Pipeline price tag no deterrent: Premier

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POWER A big, fat price tag on a pipeline through Nova Scotia doesn't kill the idea, Darrell Dexter said Thursday.

An underwater power line running from New-foundland through Nova Scotia down to New England would cost somewhere between \$2 billion and \$3 billion, according to a report released Wednesday through the

"These kinds of projects aren't based on a 10- or even 20-year payback. I mean, they look at amortizing costs over 60 years."

Premier Darrell Dexter

province's Department of . Environment.

Such a pipeline would allow hydro power from Newfoundland's Lower Churchill facility, as well as wind and hydro power in Nova Scotia, to be exported to customer-rich New England.

It would also provide

an alternative route if NB Power is sold to Que-

Premier Dexter has said for months there is private interest in building such a gateway, and denied the high cost pushes it off the table.

"These kinds of projects aren't based on a 10- or

even 20-year payback. I mean, they look at amortizing costs over 60 years," he told reporters.

"We're at \$80-a-barrel oil now. If we get into triple digits and the costs continue to rise, projects that might not seem economic today might seem economic in the future.'

Dexter said province would not build the pipeline and it would be up to Nova Scotia Power or other private inter-

Finance Minister Graham Steele, pictured here in this file photo from September, will discuss how to get the province's finances back on track during a series of public meetings in 16 communi-

#### **News** in brief

**FUNDING** A petition containing almost 3.000 student signatures was delivered to Premier Darrell Dexter Thursday. The students are petitioning to have increased funding for post-secondary education, reduce tuition fees for students and increase grants for students in Nova Scotia. The petition delivery was followed by a mock New Year's Eve party outside One Government Place signifying the petition granted is the New Year's resolution of these students, said a release from the Canadian Federation of Students. METRO HALIFAX

### Cabinet exercise 'very successful'

leaks, downtown Halifax being quarantined, highranking politicians making mistakes that cost them their lives - none of these things happened Thursday.

But cabinet ministers pretended they did as part of an exercise to test their emergency preparedness. Early in the morning, ministers were told the imaginary scenario: A fire has broken out, causing toxic chemicals to be released into the downtown core. They would have to gather

### **Getting ready**

 Cabinet's business continuity plan has been in the works for years, but this was its first test.

at a secret, backup meeting place. Emergency Management Minister Ramona Jennex wouldn't say where the location was, citing security reasons.

"We have a number of locations across HRM that we could have a meeting, so I'm not going to say

where we met because security would be important for us during other kinds of scenarios," she told reporters.

Jennex said the exercise was "very successful," but there were some communication glitches. Two cabinet ministers — unidenti-fied by Jennex — apparently didn't get the memo and went right into the supposedly deadly downtown. Jennex said the exercise now allows them to fix the

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### NDP road trip

### Province turns to public for deficit advice on 23-stop tour

• The first stop is Jan. 22

in Sydney. A schedule of

the first tour dates is on-

line at gov.ns.ca/finance.

The NDP is kicking off a road show to elicit help from Nova Scotians on how to climb out of deficit.

Finance

Minister Gra-ham Steele On the list and staff will make at least 23 stops in 16 communities by the end of

February to hold town hall-style meetings on how to fix the province's finances.

It's the latest move by a government looking for the least painful way to get into the black.

First they commissioned a report from the firm Deloitte that outlined a \$1.4-billion deficit gap by 2012-13.

Then they convened an economic panel for expert

Now they're asking everyday Nova Scotians what should be done.

"We know there's no quick fixes to the problem," Finance Minister Graham

Steele

Thursday. Steele noted the only three tools at hand are growing the economy, hiking enue and cut-

ting expenses. He said all three will be necessary.

The tour itself will cost \$63,000 plus some added overtime for staff. Of that, \$18,000 goes to publicity, \$11,000 is for technical requirements and \$35,000 goes to Becky Colwell of Fourth Wave, who will organize and host the events.





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### Promises haunting Dexter

POLITICS Premier Darrell Dexter keeps bumping up against election promises. The NDP cancelled plans

for a Springhill jail, saying the location wasn't the most efficient or cost effec-

The only problem is the Tories had announced the jail and Dexter had promised to honour Tory commitments.

Thursday Dexter said the jail didn't meet the criteria of a commitment because the Tories hadn't done any cost analysis or business

He said real commitments have to have some substance behind them.

He also shot back at the Tories, who have accused him of misleading Nova Scotians.

"The clear evidence is that the option (Justice Minister Ross Landry) has put forward is more effective, more cost-efficient, it's going to be better for the correctional service,' said Dexter.

"And yet they still want to go to a less effective, more expensive solution. No wonder we're in the sitnation we're in.'

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Share**Your**Views halifaxletters@metronews.ca Police say a 66-year-old man is dead after the snowmobile he was driving slammed into a large tree Thursday in Springfield, Annapolis Co. THE CANADIAN PRESS

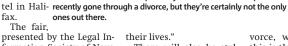
### **Divorce fair seeks** to ease bumpy road

Singles can find help for 'new and better life'

They may not have eight kids, a dozen fameseeking mistresses or millions of dollars in assets, but for hundreds of Nova Scotian couples, divorce is still a harsh reality.

Now, one organization in the province is aiming to help them navi-

gate the oftenbumру road back to the single life by organizing Canada's first ever "di vorce fair" being held Fri day Saturday at the Lord



formation Society of Nova Scotia, will play host to a bevy of displays and presentations over two days men's session Friday and a

women's session Saturday. According to LIS executive director Maria Franks, participants will find everything they need to ease the pain of separation, whether it's legal advice, grief counselling, or a oneway ticket to Bora Bora.

"We do have some trav-el agents," she said. "Divorce can be stressful, so

may need

to get away af-

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Poland, France and the Kingdom proven extremely popular, and Franks said she's confident the fair will be well-received by Nova Sco-

"We know it's relevant to people here," she said. "Our legal information line gets around 7,000 calls a year, and about a third of those deal with family law issues.

> According to the latest numbers published by Statistics Canada in 2005, about 71.000 Canadian couples get divorced each year. That figure does not include the separations of unmarried or common-

law couples. "We're not

promoting divorce, we're just saving this is the reality," Franks explained. "It's stressful and it's sad ... but once it's over, it can be the be-

— which are divided into a

their lives."

Nelson Ho- Jon and Kate Gosselin are probably the most famous couple to have

ists on hand for those looking to re-invent themselves physically in the wake of a messy breakup.

There will also be stylginning of a new and bet-Similar events

### Rural support talks to resume

BARGAINING Contract talks will resume Friday in an effort to avoid a strike by more than 7,000 unionized support staff at Nova Scotia's rural hospitals and schools.

"This is absolutely what we were looking for," said Danny Cavanaugh, a spokesman for the Canadian Union of Public Em-

He said Thursday his union had heard from a conciliator and that bargaining teams were preparing to return to the table.

But Cavanaugh said if there's no deal by the strike deadline of 6 a.m. Monday, workers will walk off the

Negotiations for hospital employees resume Friday while talks involving school

employees were to restart on the weekend.

All of the employees involved — about 4,100 hospital workers and 3,000 school support staff — work outside of the Halifax region.

The union says the key issue is maintaining wage parity with their counterparts in Halifax.

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### Six face charges in grow-op: Police

MIDDLE SACKVILLE Halifax RCMP say six people face charges after officers uncovered a marijuana grow operation at a Middle Sackville home.

Halifax Regional Police nd RCMP executed a search warrant Wednesday night at a home on Springfield Lake Road and seized marijuana, cocaine

and drug paraphernalia. Four men and one woman face charges of

possession for the purpose of trafficking and cultivation of marijuana.

They have been released from custody and are due in court at a later

RCMP say a fifth man who was arrested, a 37year-old non-Canadian citizen, remained in custody until a court appearance Thursday in Dartmouth.

RCMP say the 37-yearold also faces charges of personation, forgery and a number of outstanding warrants in the United States for which extradition orders are in place.

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The devastation in Haiti has propelled Canada's military disaster response team back into the national spotlight, but also raises questions about a longstanding Conservative promise to expand the emergency force. Known by its acronym DART, the team and its humanitarian work have languished publicly in the shadow of the Afghan war. THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Canada



### Feds tab \$50M for Haiti relief

The federal government is earmarking up to \$50 million to match Canadians' donations to charities aiding relief efforts in earthquake-ravaged Haiti. Mingovernment will match the contributions of individuals to eligible Canadian charitable organizations in support of humanitarian and recovery efforts in response to the earthquake, up to a total of \$50 million. THE CANADIAN PRESS

### Feds look at immigration

### Applicants from Haiti may get fast-tracked into Canada

### Haiti Crisis

The federal government is looking at ways to make it easier for Haitians to come to Canada as immigrants or refugees, in response to the devastating earthquake in the Caribbean country.

Options include waiving fees, speeding up applications for family reunification, and perhaps even relaxing the definition of who can be included in reunification.

'The minister of immi-

### **Development**

Long before he disappeared Tuesday beneath the rubble of Haiti's United Nations headquarters, mission chief Hedi Annabi delivered a simple message to the Conservative government: spend more development dollars to prevent the poor Caribbean country from backsliding into anarchy.

gration has been discussing these matters and we will have announcements in the not-to-distant Prime Minister future."

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Stephen Harper said Thurs-

day.
"Our priority right now, as you know, is obviously to get relief efforts search and rescue in particular — on the ground. That is happening."

A spokesman for Immigration Minister Jason Kennev said Harper asked Kenney "to quickly look at all options on the issue of visas, family reunification, Kenney and refugees." Kenney talked Thursday with federal and provincial officials to narrow down the op-

Foreign Affairs Minister

Lawrence Cannon said Ottawa is working closely with Quebec's immigraminister, Yolande James, to make sure both levels of government are on the same wavelength. Quebec is the primary destination for Haitian immigrants in Canada, and Montreal has one of the biggest concentrations of Haitian populations living abroad.

Last year, Canada responded to humanitarian crises in Sri Lanka and the Philippines by quickly processing applications to reunite close family mem-THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Canadian Master Cpl. Mike Lehman guards the Canadian Forces Globemaster on its arrival in Port-au-Prince, Haiti Thursday. Canada's aid and rescue effort in earthquake-ravaged Haiti is kicking into high gear, with the evacuation of scores of desperate people and the arrival of military transport planes packed with tons of supplies and a disaster response team.

### Canadians open wallets for aid relief

### Haiti Crisis

**DONATIONS** Millions of dollars were pouring in to Canadian aid agencies Thursday for disaster relief earthquake-crushed Haiti — so much that their web servers teetered on the brink of collapse.

The overwhelming response prompted the Minister of National Revenue to advise Canadians to make sure they donate wisely.

Canadians have opened their hearts and their wallets in the wake of the terrible tragedy in Haiti," said Jean-Pierre Blackburn.

Sadly, there are some who would exploit the generosity of Canadians."

Blackburn suggested Canadians who wish to donate should check the Canada Revenue Agency

website at cra.gc.ca for information on how to be an informed donor.

DART back in the spotlight

Kieran Green of the Hu-Coalition, manitarian which includes Care Canada, Oxfam Canada, Oxfam Quebec and Save the Children, said the donations were "quite literally overwhelming."

"The company that does our online donations has said that they have already had a couple of servers go down from the volume of the response," Green said early Thursday.

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### Haitian community worries about family back home

### Haiti Crisis

ANXIETY Canada's foreign minister has wandered into the heart of this country's Haitian community, where

fear is at a fever pitch.
The growing desperation evident during Lawrence Cannon's visit to a community centre in Montreal North, with Haitian-Canadians anxiously

seeking news about loved

Cannon met with about a dozen community representatives to reassure them that the federal government was doing everything it could. But that did little to calm anxieties.

One sobbing woman told reporters she couldn't get any news about her missing father, and about the fourvear-old sister she is working to raise. THE CANADIAN PRESS

### Program tells the world what you buy

### Blippy the latest social networking device

Welcome to the new frontier of social networking, which asks for your credit card number, banking information and any online shopping passwords you've accumulated.

It's called Blippy and after a beta-testing period it's now gone live to the world, offering to publicly broadcast all your purchases for everyone to see.

Buy lunch at McDonald's every day? Your personal trainer will know — unless you choose to hide those guilty purchases.

Blippy markets itself as a "fun and easy way to see and discuss the things peo-

### **Blippy purchase list**

 One of the trail-blazing Canadians on Blippy posted \$9.02 purchase from HomeSense, and then elaborated that it was a wine decanter. The \$2.25 he spent at Laura Secord was for a chocolate apple and the \$16.94 at Toys Toys Toys was for a teddy bear.

and Twitter CEO Evan Williams is reportedly among the investors who have bought into the idea.

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### **Youth worker** pleads guilty to assaults

REGINA A man who worked at a Regina youth centre has pleaded guilty to sexually assaulting children over a 15-year period.

Ronald Sawa made a brief appearance in a Regina court Thursday where he admitted assaulting nine young men between 1974 and 1989. Sawa pleaded guilty to four counts of sexual assault and five counts of indecent assault.

The 60-year-old sat quietly as the charges were read aloud and simply said "guilty" each of the nine times he was asked for a plea. Thirty other charges were stayed. Sawa worked at the Saskatchewan Boys Centre which later became the Paul Dojack Youth Cen-THE CANADIAN PRESS

POPULARITY Prime Minister Stephen Harper is paying a price for underestimating opposition to his decision to suspend Parliament, a new poll suggests.

The Canadian Press Harris-Decima survey indicates Harper's personal popularity has taken a nosedive and his party's lead over the Liberals has been sliced almost in half. Harper

And contrary to Harper's assertion that prorogation of Parliament is a routine procedural matter of little interest to Canadians, the poll suggests a majority believes Parliament is "in crisis," is opposed to its suspension and suspicious

of Harper's motives.
"He has really squan-

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dered some significant, if not goodwill, certainly respect that he'd been able to garner managing his way through the economic cri-

sis," Harris-Decima chairman Allan Gregg said Thursday.

The prospects for Harper's Conserva-tives might be much worse but for the fact that Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff remains the least popu-

lar federal leader and has so far been unable to gain much mileage out of Harper's miscalculation.

"If the game of Canadian politics is a little tighter today, it's only because Mr. Harper has scored on his own net," Gregg summed

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The U.S. Federal Aviation Administration halted all civilian flights to Haiti on Thursday after some flights spent hours circling while awaiting permission to land at an already crowded airport that lacked sufficient supplies for refuelling. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# World



### Dominican fears economic aftershocks

The Dominican Republic emerged unscathed from the massive earthquake that ravaged the capital of Haiti, but the popular tourist destination is likely to feel social and economic aftershocks, experts warn. Some familiar with the two countries that share the island of Hispaniola fear the quake could exacerbate long-standing racial tensions, tax limited governmental resources and discourage snowbirds from seeking refuge at the Dominican's beaches and resorts.

### U.S. takes charge in aid efforts

### **Haiti** Crisis

U.S. President Barack Obama and the United States moved to take charge in earthquake-ravaged Haiti on Thursday, dispatching thousands of troops along with tons of aid to try to keep order as well as rescue the suffering in a country dysfunctional in the best of times.

Tested by the first largescale humanitarian disaster of his presidency, Obama ordered a relief effort of historic proportions despite the strains it was sure to put on both the stretched American budget and military forces fighting two wars.

He pledged an initial \$100 million US, with the likelihood of more later.

Aware of the steep political cost George W. Bush paid for an ineffective response to Hurricane Katrina's destruction of much of New Orleans, La., the Obama White House has laboured to show intensive engagement by the president since immediately after the 7.0-magnitude quake struck the impoverished island on Tuesday.

day.

Details of evening Situation Room meetings, phone calls with world leaders and cancelled events were being released almost hourly.

"I will not put up with any excuses for us not doing the very best in this time of tragedy," Obama pledged, making his third public comments on the topic in two days.

The government of Haitian President Rene Preval



Gladys Loiuis Jeune is pulled alive from the rubble of her home in Port-au-Prince nearly 43 hours after Tuesday's earthquake.

was severely disabled, with the president's own residences damaged and the parliament building collapsed along with other ministries and departments.

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### Relief supplies begin reaching Port-au-Prince

AID Desperately needed aid from around the world slowly made its way Thursday into Haiti, where supply bottlenecks and a leadership vacuum left rescuers scrambling on their own to save the trapped and injured and get relief supplies into the capital. The international Red Cross estimated that 45,000 to 50,000 people were killed in Tuesday's magnitude-7 earthquake.

The nascent flow of rescue workers showed some results: A newly arrived search team pulled a UN security worker alive from the organization's collapsed headquarters, where about 100 people are still trapped. He stood, held up a fist in celebration, and was helped

3,000,000

International Red Cross estimate of Haitians who need emergency relief — half the country's population

off to a hospital.

Planes from Canada, China, France, Spain and the United States landed at Portau-Prince's airport, carrying searchers and tons of water, food, medicine and other supplies — with more promised from around the globe for the Western Hemisphere's poorest nation, where the international Red Cross estimated three million people — a third of the population — may need emergency relief.

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### 'No break. No chance' for poor

CRISIS Haiti's limitless poverty and hardship have long drawn aid groups and charities. Now the same people who tried to do good before the earthquake find themselves trapped in the rubble, out of touch with their loved ones and struggling to carry on their missions. "This earthquake is really too much," said the Rev. Duken Augustin, a Roman Catholic priest said in an email from his home in Cap Haitien.

"No break. No chance. We will have to deal with new needs, new sufferings, new situation of hunger, new despair, new devastation."

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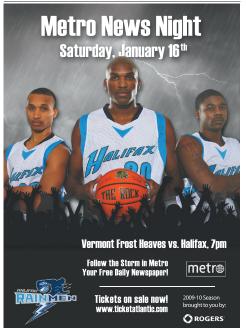
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Charges allege Israeli man fathered 37 children with harem

An Israeli man who kept a cult-like harem of women and fathered dozens of children with them has been arrested on suspicion of enslavement, rape and incest, police said Thursday.

Police say Goel Ratzon kept 17 women in a state of near-total obedience in at least three apartments in the Tel Aviv area.

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with a height of eight feet, one inch, and He, of China, is the

organized by Guinness World Records in Istanbul Thursday. The

feld said they bore him 37 children, some of whom were born to his own daughters.

Ratzon, a self-described healer about 60 years old with flowing white locks and a bushy white beard, controlled the women's money and sometimes abused them if they dared to challenge his control, police alleged.

Authorities have investi-

gated Ratzon before but did not find enough evidence to charge him. A recent law against human trafficking opened the door to pursue enslavement charges, Rosenfeld

A documentary about Ratzon that aired on Israel's Channel 10 last year said he kept 32 women and 89 children in his apartments. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

### Sully, passengers to toast on river

NEW YORK A year after the 155 people aboard the crippled US Airways Flight 1549 survived a splash-landing on the frigid Hudson River, some are suffering the psychological aftereffects of their descent and harrowing evacuation. "It was a real breaking point for me," said passenger Anastasia Sosa, who believed her husband and two young children would die with her. In what became known as the Miracle on the Hudson, Capt. Chesley (Sully) Sullenberger ditched his Airbus A320 in the river last Jan. 15, after a collision with birds disabled the engines. On Friday. Sullenberger and some of the survivors will take a boat out to the place where they were pulled soaked and freezing from the water, and at the moment of impact they will raise their glasses in a toast.

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**Comment** 

### The future of children is at stake



he real question, Dr. Charles Emmrys testified, is, "What works?"

What doesn't work — what research shows doesn't work, he says — is shipping

troubled kids out of their home provinces, away from family and community, and into residential institutions where they are more likely to be warehoused than treated.

Emmrys, a Moncton-based clinical psychologist and court-recognized expert in adolescent behaviour disorders, is an advocate for what he calls the "messy stuff." He argues governments should invest scarce resources in family, school and community supports instead of

more buildings. Community-based care, he acknowledges, is "a long and tedious process, but it works."

Emmrys was testifying earlier this week in the case of a 15-year-old Cole Harbour boy currently in Bayfield, a long-term Ontario treatment centre "for boys experiencing difficulties." The boy had been diagnosed with myriad psychological disorders: Attention deficit hyperactivity, alcohol-related neural development, impulse control. Mostly, he

ran. He ended up selling his body, stealing cars, doing drugs.

His grandparents, who had raised him since he was a toddler, couldn't cope on their own. In October 2008, they asked the Department of Community Services for help. Community services' idea of helping was to make him a ward of the province and ship him off to Bayfield last June.

The real question, of course, is whether the boy is benefiting at Bayfield.

My own anecdotal experience isn't encouraging.

Two years ago, while re-

searching a story on children who slip through the social welfare cracks, I met a local street kid I called Carl. Carl had spent five years—from age 12—in Bayfield for problems that sound remarkably similar to this boy.

At one point, Carl says he was on 13 different psychotropic drugs. "I was like a zombie."

Did it work? No. After Bayfield spit Carl out at 17, he wound up as a psych patient in Nova Scotia where doctors finally took him off all the meds Bayfield had prescribed. When I met him, Carl was living on the streets and didn't have much hope for himself or his future.

What works — and what doesn't? Good questions. It's time the government started asking them.

Stephen Kimber, the Rogers Communications Chair in Journalism at the University of Kings College, is the author of eight books.

**Views** 

### Global positioning systems put to the test



This past Christmas, one of the hottest gadgets going was the global positioning system (GPS). It's a handy device. But it turns out those great gadgets aren't always safe. At Marketplace, we've learned that programming a GPS on the road can be dangerous.

With the help of Durham Regional Police, we blocked off a stretch of road near Toronto and asked drivers to find directions on their portable navigators. Transportation engineer Paul Green, from the University of Michigan's Transportation Research Institute, conducted the test while we recorded every move.

Green says drivers should-

Green says drivers shouldn't look away from the road for more than two seconds at a time. "Every time you look away, that's another time period that you've lost a sense of what's happening while driving." But in our test, drivers trying to program the GPS took their eyes off the road for much longer — one looks away for seven seconds!

So just how many people actually program while they drive? Marketplace

commissioned the first poll of its kind in Canada and discovered that almost half of all drivers surveyed (47 per cent) program their GPS while driving.

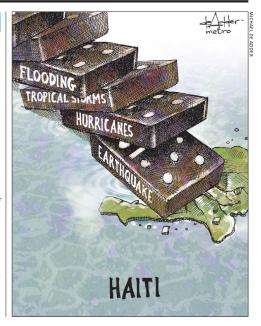
That's not allowed in Ontario or B.C. anymore, but police say drivers are still doing it. York Regional Police Sgt. Edmond Villamere says a lot of drivers just don't think programming a GPS is as dangerous as texting. "You're still pressing buttons with your hands," he says. "Your hands aren't on the wheel and your attention isn't on the road."

Green says manufacturers should design portable GPS devices so they can't be programmed while a car is in motion — just like most GPS's built right into a vehi-

But that doesn't fly with Steve Koenig with the Consumer Electronics Association in Arlington, Va. He says drivers should take responsibility behind the wheel. "If a consumer is operating a vehicle ... unsafely," says Koenig, "their excuses are their own."

Tell that to the family of Shannon Bentley. The Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., woman was killed by a driver distracted by his GPS. They tell their exclusive story on Marketplace tonight.

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### **Mergers to rise: Execs**

Top Canadian bank executives say merger and acquisition activity in their industry will pick up again as uncertainty about global banking regulations is resolved.

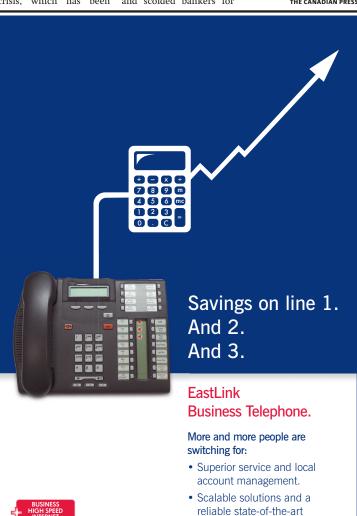
M&A activity in the sector has been hampered by fears that the rules will be changed dramatically in response to the 2009 credit crisis, which has been

largely blamed on reckless lending, particularly in the United States.

U.S. President Barack Obama is pushing to recover the public money used to bail out failing banks and insurance firms at the height of the financial crisis. He renewed his call Thursday for a regulatory overhaul of the industry and scolded bankers for opposing the tighter oversight in legislation moving through Congress.

The Canadian banks, while generally avoiding the excesses and resulting calamity that affected institutions in other developed countries, have been cautious about making major deals in such a politically charged environment.

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### Diabetes **Artificial pancreas**



In this product image provided by the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, an experimental artificial pancreas is shown. The device, being developed by the foundation and health-care giant Johnson & Johnson, will soon be tested in diabetes patients, potentially sparing them the hormonal disorder's most dangerous complications and frequent blood sugar checks and insulin injections.

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TESTING Technology allowing cosmetic makers to test for allergic reactions to their products without controversial animal trials is in the works and could be in use by next year.
TAXES Mindful of soaring deficits and an anti-Wall Street

mood, U.S. President Barack Obama wants a new 10-year tax on the country's largest banks to cover a projected \$117-billion shortfall in the government's financial crisis bailout fund.

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The lawyer for a Toronto-based financial adviser who returned from China to face fraud charges says his client is broke and will need legal aid. Weizhen Tang was in court yesterday after returning to Canada to face allegations he defrauded investors of tens of millions of dollars. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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### Kodak sues Apple, RIM over patent

Eastman Kodak Co. said Thursday it is suing Apple Inc. and BlackBerry maker Research in Motion Ltd. over technology related to digital cameras in their iPhone and BlackBerry smartphones. Kodak filed a complaint before the U.S. International Trade Commission alleging the iPhone, Apple's hottest gadget, and RIM's camera-enabled BlackBerry devices infringe on a Kodak patent covering technology for previewing pho-

Kodak is asking the federal agency that oversees trade disputes to bar Apple and RIM from shipping the phones. The agency has the power to order the cus-

toms department to stop imports of products and parts made with the disputed technology.

Kodak also filed separate lawsuits against Apple in U.S. District Court in Rochester claiming an infringement of patents related to digital cameras and certain computer processes. The company is asking for monetary damages and a court order to end the disputed practices.

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### **Business** in brief

**GROWTH** Canada's economy faces a speed-bump on the road to recovery, says a forecast by CIBC. The bank says the economy will grow by a strong three per cent in the first half of this year. But the second half will bring flat home prices and a stall in factory activity.

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No Rainmen on ABA all-decade team

The American Basketball Association named its all-decade team on Thursday but no Halifax Rainmen were recognized. The Rainmen spent the 2007-08 season in the ABA, with Eric Crookshank earning an all-star nod. METRO HALIFAX

# Sports



### Cheremetiev tearing it up for Truro

Former Halifax Mooseheads forward Yuri Cheremetiev has been lighting it up since joining the junior A Truro Bearcats last month. The 20-year-old has piled up six goals and seven assists in seven games as the Bearcats, 22-4-4, continue to shine.

## McGuigan bringing momentum

#### From the first game he played with the Halifax Mooseheads, Dylan McGuigan was a big hit with his coaches.

The 17-year-old forward was recalled by the Herd as an affiliate player last Friday and made such a physical impact in his first two games, head coach and general manager Cam Russell put him on the roster

for the rest of the season. "Cam called me in after the first game and said he loved the way I played because I was the only one hitting out there," said the Gaspereaux, P.E.I., native. "He said that's what the team needs to get the boys fired up and start win-

The fact that McGuigan was able to make such a big impression on the Mooseheads' brass was that much more notable considering he hadn't appeared in a game since Nov. 27 in a season that has seen him break his right hand twice.

The five-foot-10 199pounder almost made the Mooseheads as a free-agent walk-on at training camp in August but suffered the break in his only QMJHL pre-season game.

He returned to action in October with the junior A Truro Bearcats, but broke his hand again after 12 games in a fight with Tyler Gale. Friday marked his first game back — and his first game in the Q.

"It was a big step ... You

### Scoring drought still going strong

• The last-place Halifax Mooseheads (8-33-3) will look to shake a 132-minute, 56-second scoring drought in a pair of home games this weekend at the Metro

don't have as much time to react," he said. "But I didn't find it as physical as junior A. There are a lot more tough guys and goons who just look for it in junior A, but here, it's just all about hockey."

To protect his hand,

To protect his hand, McGuigan likely won't drop the gloves this season. But don't expect the hit parade to stop. "That's what I like to do," said McGuigan, who was linemates with current MooseThe Mooseheads, who have lost eight straight, host the Chicoutimi Sagueneens (21-17-6) on Friday at 7 p.m. and the Drummondville Voltigeurs (31-12-2) on Sunday at 4 p.m.

heads Brent Andrews and Jordan Costello with the midget Cornwall Thunder last season. "If you go out there and get some hits, it changes the momentum.'

That sits just fine with Russell. "He brings an element we're missing," Russell said. "He plays very physical, skates well, forechecks and hits hard. He's rocked some guys and had some very big hits.

"That's what we need in our lineup."



Halifax Mooseheads forward Dylan McGuigan heads up the ice during practice at the Metro Centre on Thursday.

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### Rainmen not doubting newly acquired Thomas

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BASKETBALL The Halifax Rainmen hope DeAndre Thomas is the solution in their quest to find a presence in the paint.

The Rainmen, who took a pass on the six-foot-eight, 340-pound centre in October's Premier Basketball League draft because of concerns about his conditioning, signed Thomas on Thursday in the hope he will step in and make an impact.

They also signed six-foot-10 centre Marc Mazur and six-foot point guard Antwan Dobie. Owner Anguard dre Levingston said all three could see significant floor time on Saturday at 7 p.m. at the Metro Centre against the Vermont Frost Heaves.

Levingston called Thomas "a young John Strickland."

"I think DeAndre can be the best big guy in the league because of his tal-Levingston said. "Man, he's amazing. He's a talent. He's a point guard in a big guy's body. He's light on his feet, really athletic, really talented. He's a guy we can really do some good things with for years to come.



DeAndre Thomas

The Rainmen initially wanted to spend the next three weeks whipping Thomas into better condition before putting him into a game. But he was so effective in practice this week, they decided to put him in the lineup immedi-

ately. "He can help us right away," Levingston said.

The six-foot-10 Mazur, a former teammate of Rainmen small forward Desmond Ferguson at Uniforward versity of Detroit Mercy, averaged 7.3 points and 5.6 rebounds with the PBL's Manchester Millrats last season. Dobie, 31, spent 2008-09 with Nanterre of France's B League.

Small forward Jevohn Shepherd is out with a hamstring injury.

### Danton arrives but won't practise just yet

HUSKIES The Saint Mary's Huskies are holding off until at least next week before putting Mike Danton on the ice.

Danton, a former NHLer

who spent five years in prison for conspiracy to commit murder, has enrolled in three sociology courses at Saint Mary's and arrived in town Thursday. But the Huskies want him to get comfortable off the ice before so much as letting him practise, a team source said.

The Huskies host the nationally-No. 1-ranked New Brunswick Varsity Reds on Friday and the P.E.I. Panthers on Saturday. Both games are at 7 p.m. at the Forum.

The 29-year-old Danton will be assessed next MATTHEW WUEST/

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### **Sports** in brief

**HOCKEY** The Halifax Lions lost 4-1 to the host Pictou County Weeks Crushers in Maritime Junior A Hockey League play on Thursday night in New Glasgow. Stuart Lenehan scored Halifax's only goal while goaltender Kody Blois was the third star with a 37-save outing. The Lions fell to 13-15-4.

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Wizards guard Gilbert Arenas was charged Thursday with felony gun possession in connection with a Dec. 21 locker room confrontation with a teammate. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

### QB battle could see barrage of points

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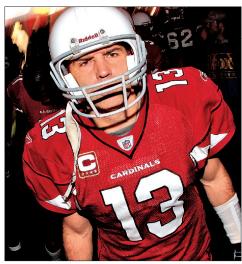
Drew Brees is among the most prolific regularseason passers the NFL has seen. Kurt Warner has the same credentials for the post-season.

When Brees' Saints and Warner's Cardinals meet Saturday to open the second round of the playoffs, the scoreboard will get a workout. The defences will get dizzy. The announcers might go hoarse.

New Orleans (13-3) scored a league-high 510 points, ninth most in NFL history. Arizona (11-6) had a mere 375, then Warner riddled Green Bay's second-ranked defence for five touchdown passes in a 51-45 wild-card overtime victory — the highest-scoring playoff game ever.

The Superdome could be a danger zone for defend-

"I know what we're capable of and I know that if you just look at our track record, the last three out of four years we've had the No. 1 offence in the league," Brees said. "That's a body of work. That's not just a stretch of games



Kurt Warner tossed five touchdown passes in Arizona's 51-45 overtime win over Green Bay last week.

here and a stretch of games there."

And it is no stretch to expect the top-seeded Saints to light it up Saturday. Sure, they averaged 307.3 yards and 14.6 points in the final three games, all defeats.

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Brees said. "The opportunity to get guys healthy that was huge. We've been banged up at times throughout the season."

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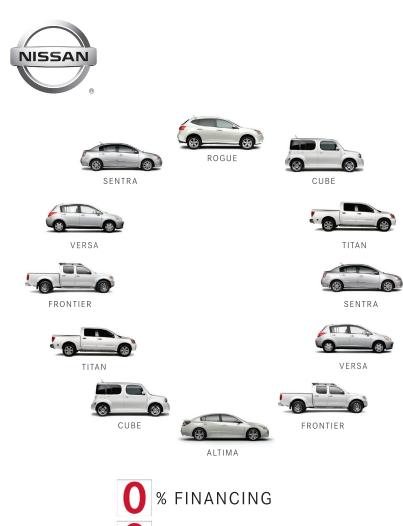
**16** sports

U.S. women's hockey team names captain

Two-time Olympian Natalie Darwitz will captain the U.S. women's hockey team in Vancouver. Darwitz was the American captain during the past two international seasons. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Shawn Sawyer practises his routine Thursday at the Canadian figure skating championships

# Dreams are on the line



hey are only the national championships, but the Canadian Olympic figure skating trials in London, Ont., could be a barnburner.

It's more than just hyperbole to suggest this gathering promises "sudden death" for some Olympic dreams.

There is, in fact, "no tomorrow" and two spots on the Canadian roster will depend on "do or die" performances in each of four disciplines — pairs, dance, ladies' and men's singles.

In the men's competition there are at least six skaters with a chance. They come from the far reaches of the country and five are chasing Toronto's Patrick Chan, the world championship silver medallist, who has been less than stellar in this crucial season.

It means Joey Russell of Labrador City, N.L., Shawn Sawyer of Edmundston, N.B., Vaughn Chipeur of Lloydminster, Sask., as well as Kevin Reynolds and Jeremy Ten, both of British Columbia, are in the hunt for a supporting role at Pacific Coliseum come February.

"With our nationals a

few weeks out of the Olympic Games we will have those skaters who are at their best representing us in Vancouver," says Michael Slipchuk. As Skate Canada's high performance director, Slipchuk will have a heavy hand in making the final cuts.

He's well qualified for his job.

At the 1992 Canadian championships in Moncton, N.B., Slipchuk won a surprise title over Elvis Stojko and earned a ticket to his first and only Olympics in Albertville, France, where he placed ninth.

Slipchuk believes a system of trial by fire is the only way to ensure success at the Games.

"They will have shown the ability to do it when it counts," he said. "And that's exactly what they'll have to do to reach the Olympic podium.

"It's very humbling as one missed element can have you on the outside looking in. You have no margin of error in our sport if you want to be the best."

For my money there's no more dramatic scenario in all of sport.

At the end of the day, in order to live their dreams, all of these skaters will have to nail a single, required element. They must stand and deliver.

Scott Russell is the Host of CBC Sports Weekend seen Saturday afternoons. He has covered professional and amateur sports including nine Olympic games and numerous world championships. **Visit Metronews.ca/movies** to get showtimes, read reviews and watch trailers.

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### **Countdown to the Oscars**

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Check out Metro's picks for this Sunday's Golden Globes. Pictured here are Globe nominees, clockwise from top left, The Hurt Locker (best picture – drama), George Clooney from Up In The Air (best actor, best picture – drama), Sandra Bullock (best actress in a drama as well as musical or comedy) and Mo'nique from Precious (best supporting actress and best picture – drama).

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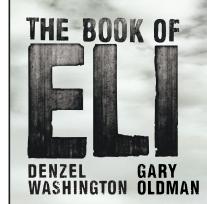
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### All eyes on Globes

Metro picks favourites to win at year's first major awards

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This Sunday the 67th annual Golden Globe awards will invade televisions across North America. While the Oscars qualify as the most prestigious night of Hollywood backslapping, the Golden Globes is the night that movie stars take home the trophies. Expect no exceptions this year when A-listers sweep up all the major categories to drunken applause from the equally famous audience. The following list represents the official Metro predictions for Golden Globe winners in 2010.

#### BEST PICTURE:

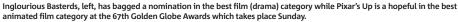
The Hurt Locker has swept the critics awards and has a shot at an Oscar, but expect Up In The Air to take the Best Picture prize in drama. Between a lead role for Hol**Golden**Globes

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lywood royalty George Clooney, able direction from Juno's Jason Reitman, and gently comic social commentary, a win is practically guaranteed. None of the nominees in the musi-cal/comedy are particularly stellar, so the trophy will probably go to the raunchy The Hangover.

#### **BEST ACTOR:**

Jeff Bridges has been one of the most underrated actors in Hollywood for decades and this will probably be the year that he gets a collection of statues for his impressive work in Crazy



Heart, Expect Matt Damon to take home well-deserved top honours in the comedy category for The Inform-

#### **BEST ACTRESS:**

Sandra Bullock set a record at the box office this year for bringing in more cash than any other actress. For that reason alone she will inevitably score a Golden Globe for The Blind Side. It certainly doesn't hurt that her stiffest competition comes from Meryl Streep's memorable turn in Julia And Julia, which has been relegated to the

James Cameron is the director to Golden Globes

comedy category. Streep is locked in to win that prize before becoming the Best Actress favourite at every other ceremony in 2010.

### BEST SUPPORTING ACTOR:

Christoph Waltz should have been given this award when Inglourious Basterds was released in

### **BEST SUPPORTING ACTRESS:**

award this year.

gust. No one else comes

other actor in any category

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Comedienne Mo'Nique has been an awards favourite ever since her incredibly personal performance in Precious debuted at TIFF. Mo'Nique will give her first of many tear-filled acceptance speeches in 2010 this Sunday before releasing whatever unfortunate lowbrow comedy she has lined up next.

#### BEST DIRECTOR:

This fall everyone wanted to beat up on James Cameron for being overindulgent during the production of Avatar. Now that it's on

close in his category and no more richly deserves an

> Meryl Streep, here seen in the film Julia & Julia, has won two nods in the best actress (comedy or musical) category

track to become the highest grossing film of all time, the director will be rewarded. Let's just hope that he doesn't declare himself the "king of the world" again come Oscar time.







Juno Nominees Elliott Brood's music is headed to the Sundance Film Festival. The Polaris shortlisters have made their first soundtrack effort for Canadian film Grown Up Movie Star, which is set to debut at the festival. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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### Movie adaptation is too faithful

#### **The Lovely Bones**

Director: Peter Jackson Stars: Saoirse Ronan, Mark Wahlberg

Classification: STC Rating: 🕮 🏶

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Adapting a novel into a two-hour film is tricky business. Filmmakers can create calamity just as much by staying to true to the source material as they can with sweeping diversions from the book. The problem with Peter Jackson's The Lovely Bones, based on Alice Sebold's bestselling novel, is that it's too faithful.

The core story of the film — 14-year-old Susie Salmon watches from beyond the grave as her family copes with her murder works just fine, and the three actors at the heart of it (Saoirse Ronan as Susie, Mark Wahlberg as her fa-ther and Stanley Tucci as her murderer) turn in outstanding performances, with Wahlberg possibly the best he's been.

It's a shame the rest of the cast doesn't have as much to do.

Rachel Weisz's suburban mother has so little to sav or do that it's hard to care when she buckles from grief and abandons her family Susan Sarandon, as Susie's chain-smoking, gingrandmother, seems flown in from another film entirely. Her whirl-wind "eccentric granny takes care of the kids" montage feels more in keeping with Running with Scissors.
And poor Michael Impe-

rioli's detective has little more to do than give meaningful looks hinting at a much more fleshed-out subplot in the novel.

But the core holds to-



Saoirse Ronan stars in Peter Jackson's adaptation of the novel The Lovely Bones.

gether, with Susie learning to let go in a CGI-rich land scape somewhere between life and death.

Jackson paints some wonderfully surreal images as Susie comes to terms with her demise. A bit

more of that, and a few less characters, and The Lovely Bones could have been much lovelier.

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• For a trailer of The Lovely Bones, photos screen times, visit metronews.ca/movies.

### Chow confident about Confucius

CHINESE CINEMA Hong Kong megastar Chow Yun-fat said Thursday that he was confident a biopic about ancient Chinese philosopher Confucius can take on the hugely popular computer-graphics-laden, 3-D Hollywood blockbuster

Avatar.

The 54-year-old actor, best known for his iconic gangster roles in Hong Kong cinema, donned scholarly robes to play the ancient sage in the \$22 million US governmentbacked movie Confucius, which premieres in Bei-

Chow said he expected Confucius to put up a good against James Cameron's science fiction fantasy Avatar, a global hit that raced to \$4.8 million on its first day in China and is expected to earn more than 500 million yuan (\$73 million) at the Chinese box office.

"If the two films were shown at the same time, those who go to see Avatar will also go to see Confucius, and those who go to Confucius will also see Avatar," Chow said at a news conference in Bei-

'They are two different kinds of movies, but they are both about humanity. the Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon star said.

The movie, which opens to general audiences in China on Jan. 22, is part of a recent revival of Confucius, whom late Chinese leader Mao Zedong de-nounced because his emphasis on harmony and respect of social hierarchies conflicted with the Marxist ideology of progress through conflict.

During the 1966-1976 ultra-leftist Cultural Revolution under Mao's rule, enforcers known as red guards descended on Confucius' family home, family grave plot and a temple honouring the sage in his eastern hometown of Qufu, destroying about 6,600 relics.

But the status of the ancient sage has been reaffirmed in recent years.

Confucian classics have been given higher status at universities and even prisons have been reportedly teaching Confucian philosophy to prisoners. The Chinese government started setting up Confucius Institutes abroad in 2004 to promote Chinese language and culture.

A female professor's book of reflections on the classic Confucian text Analects became a massive

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#### Almost Alice to capture Wonderland magic

Buena Vista Records will release two albums capturing the wonder of Lewis Carroll's beloved books and visionary director Tim Burton. Almost Alice is a 16-song compilation featuring Alice in Wonderland's end credit track Alice (Underground). METRO NEWS SERVICES

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## Funny Fraser takes a serious tui

### Movie **feature**

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Brendan Fraser is best known as a tongue-incheek leading man who adds a much needed dose of humor to blockbusters like Journey To The Center Of The Earth and the recent Mummy series.

But for all his one-liners and physical comedy, Fraser is also an actor more than happy to take a serious turn with the right role. The upcoming Ex-traordinary Measures is one such movie in which he plays the real life figure of John Crowley, a successful businessman who gave up his career to pursue a cure for the rare Pompe disease afflicting his children.

"John Crowley's story is remarkable," Fraser told Metro. "He married his high school sweetheart,

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went to Harvard for an MBA, and then was told that two of his children were diagnosed with a very rare disease that would take their lives by the age of eight.

But he didn't just stay in his comfortable job. He wanted more and so he had to navigate a very murky and ethically am-biguous path **Extraordinary** business, medicine, life, and death."

It's a heartwarming story that has been turned into an equally touching film with Fraser at the center alongside Harrison Ford as a prickly scientist who



Brendan Fraser, right, gets serious with Harrison Ford in Extraordinary Measures, hitting theatres next Friday.

teams up with Crowley to save his chil-

For Fraser the movie presented an opportunity that

he couldn't resist.

Not only was he was given a role that he could identify with ("As a father, I know that feeling of paternal protection," claimed the actor.), but the film also allowed Fraser to work with Harrison Ford, whom he has always admired.

worship and saw him work, I admired him even more," said Fraser. learned as much about the science behind the film as possible so that he would never condescend to the audience. I heard that Harrison did a bank heist movie recently and was even adamant about knowing exactly how to rip off a bank. I don't want to know what sources he got for that one."

Extraordinary Measures was clearly a film of personal importance for Fraser and one that he is quite proud of.

However, fans of his more mainstream fair shouldn't be concerned abandoning that he's blockbusters for drama.

"Like Harrison, I like to work," claimed Fraser. 'Whether it's high brow or low brow, I always learn something from the movies and enjoy my career. It's a privilege to do

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Since Sony plans to reboot Spider-Man sans Sam Raimi and Tobey Maguire, talk has naturally turned to who can take over the franchise. Among the current frontrunners? Marc Webb, the man behind (500) Days Of Summer. EMPIREONLINE.COM

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### **Reel Time**

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### **Chan sinks** to new low

#### The Spy **Next Door**

**Director:** Brian Levant Stars: Jackie Chan, George Lopez, Billy Ray Cyrus Classification: PG Rating: 🕮

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Oh, how far Jackie Chan has fallen. In his Hong Kong days, Chan was a legend. The man created slapstick kung fu and would write, direct, and star in films in addition to doing his own stunts.

But now the former action icon has been reduced to starring in The Spy Next Door, a completely disposable family action movie that makes Hulk Hogan vehicles like Mr. Nanny look like high art. Even the outtakes during the closing credits don't live up to Chan's usual outtake standards. His fans are sure to be disappointed.

Jackie Chan stars as a secret agent posing as a suburban geek. By day he awk-wardly dates his single mother neighbour, but at night he tracks down the deadliest criminals in North America.

In the opening scenes, Chan retires and hopes to settle down, but ends up facing his biggest challenge yet (cue record scratching sound effect): Babysitting his girlfriend's children.

At first the kids think he's lame because he wears glasses, but there is always a chance that a few unexpected action scenes might change their minds. That concept may sound bad, but in execution it is somehow even worse. Af-



Jackie Chan plays suburban geek by day, espionage agent by night in The Spy Next Door.

ter all, this is the sort of move that tries to pass off Billy Ray Cyrus as a wisecracking comedy sidekick (yep, that's true).

There's a chance that with enough sugary soda pumped into their system

a few young children might find the movie fun-

ny.
Parents, on the other hand, are guaranteed to be irritated and disgusted by what the filmmakers try to pass off as comedy.

It has to be said that Chan is still surprisingly limber and capable of pulling off impressive physical gags and fights for a man who is 55 years old. But sadly, that's the only positive comment to make

about The Spy Next Door. This movie should justifiably vanish into obscurity almost instantly.

• For a trailer of The Spy Next Door, photos and screen times, visit metronews.ca/movies





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writer for Jolie film

In April, Fox 2000 bought the rights to Patricia Cornwell's Kay Scarpetta novels, with Angelina Jolie lined up to star. Now the planned film is moving ahead, with writer Kerry Williamson signing up to pen the script. **EMPIREONLINE.COM** 

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### **End-of-the-world visions**



In Knowing (2009), Nicolas Cage plays a professor trying to prevent an apocalypse on earth.



hether it's Denzel Washing-ton dining on a meal of hairless cat in this weekend's The Book of Eli or Knowing's Nicolas Cage screeching, "How can I stop the end of the world?" grisly images of post apocalyptic lifestyle have recently been dominating movie screens.

Perhaps it's the recession or the result of the anxious times we live in, but end-of-the-world stories are all the rage, but they are not new. Whether it's nuclear fallout, an unexpected ice

"Perhaps it's the recession or the result of the anxious times we live in, but end-ofthe-world stories are all the rage, but they are not new."

age or a zombie holocaust that brings about the end, filmmakers have peddled post apocalyptica for years.

In 1959 Gregory Peck headlined a dystopian drama that set the date for the end of the world just after World War III in 1964. In On the Beach, nuclear war has destroyed all life on the planet save for a small enclave in Australia, but even they will succumb once the radiation clouds drift by.

"We're all doomed," says

"We're all doomed," says Julian Osborne (Fred Astaire). "Doomed by the air we're about to breathe."

As doomsday dramas go this one is particularly depressing — for example, people gobble up "suicide pills" — but its Cold War commentary led one contemporary writer to label it "the most important film of our time."

Several years later the post-atomic war film Panic in Year Zero! opened with one of filmdom's great understatements.

While on a fishing trip Harry Baldwin (Ray Milland) and his family see a mushroom cloud over Los Angeles.

"We've had it; haven't we dad?" says son Rick (Frankie Avalon).

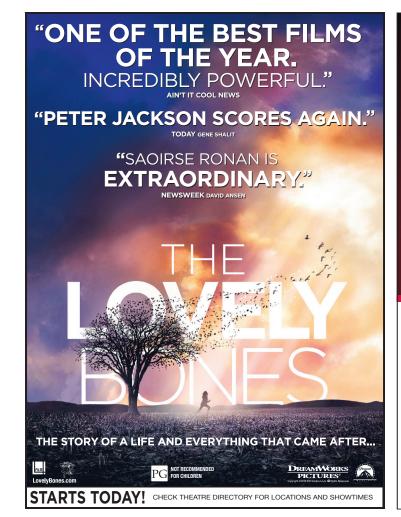
Well, not quite Rick, but the world as you know it is over. Made on a shoestring, Panic in Year Zero! is notable not for its special effects—there aren't any—but for its take on the difficult decisions Milland's character must make to ensure his family's survival in a world where old principles of humanity are obsolete.

Finally, to end the endof-the-world list, fans of post apocalyptic fantasy will find a payday in the form of Rock & Rule, an animated film featuring Deborah Harry and Lou Reed's voice work.

In it the world has been destroyed and "legendary super-rocker" Mok — whose record went "gold, platinum, and plutonium in one day" — tries to use a demonic code to rule what's left of the world.

With such a range of dystopian stories to mine it seems filmmakers could make post apocalyptic movies until the end of the world comes for real.

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### A hell you can believe in

### The Book of Eli

Director: The Hughes Brothers Stars: Denzel Washington Classification: STC Rating: 🕮 🏶

STEVE GOW for Metro Canada

With Hollywood currently saturating cinemas with post-apocalyptic drama, The Book of Eli's own tagline may be better suited to a wishful maxim for its investors: Believe in Hope.

After all, the movie's familiar theme may numb viewers who've seen enough Armageddon from recent films like The Road, 2012 and 9 (not to be confused with Nine).

But there's still much to like about the long-awaited return of the Hughes Brothers. In hiding since 2001's From Hell, the filmmaking siblings rebound



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Denzel Washington and Mila Kunis star in The Book of Eli.

in style by bringing Hell to Earth — quite literally.

America has churned to rubble following a devastating war. Destined to "stay on the path," a drifter named Eli (Denzel Washington) protects a sacred Bible from thieves and killers as he wanders westward following his destiny.

In the classic mould of a western icon, Eli possesses fighting skills that would rival any Clint Eastwood character, especially when he meets his rival - a Mussolini-admiring warlord (Gary Oldman) who also desires that one remaining book.

It's a tricky role, playing sanctified sinner, so luckily Washington gives it life even while surrounded by supporting parts that seem fashionably cookie-cutter.

Still, the film is stronger when it plays the thinking man's action flick rather than playing to pious overtones of spirituality.

Honestly, if post-apoca-lyptic themes weren't so prevailing of late, The Book of Eli would surely assume a greater impact on filmgoers. But with enough slick choreogradesaturated cinematography and a reliably compelling star, The Book of Eli may just make a believer out of audiences yet. For a trailer of The Book of Eli, photos and screen times, visit metronews.ca/movies

### Firth brings dignity to flick

### A Single Man

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**Director:** Tom Ford Stars: Colin Firth, Julianne Moore

Classification: STC Rating: ##

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ADAM NAYMAN

REVIEW As its double-entendre title suggests, Tom Ford's debut feature A Single Man focuses on an isolated figure: George Falconer, a semi-closeted university professor plying his trade in pre-Stonewall Cali-

Colin Firth's performance in the role has a credible dignity: We see that George is a man whose gift for sublimating his true feelings - namely, his crippling grief over the death of his younger lover (Matthew Goode) in an automobile accident — has made him a stranger in his own skin.

It's a compellingly un-

derstated performance in a film unfortunately more inclined towards grand gestures.

Fashion designer-turneddirector Ford favours fussy framings and glossy cinematography, and while he hits upon a few striking ideas — i.e. deploying oversaturated colours to suggest intense physical sensations — the showy technique doesn't serve the material.

The film unfolds rather schematically as a series of between encounters George and characters who prod his suicidal gloom, with the most screen time going to Julianne Moore as a faded tart of a woman nurturing an unrequited crush on her old friend.

She's borderline embarrassing, but Nicholas Houpt does better as a student wise to his teacher's condition - obviously, his experience on About a Boy gave him a knack for acting opposite brittle Brits.



1. Animal, Ke\$ha; 2. I Dreamed a Dream, Susan Boyle; 3. The Fame, Lady Gaga; 4. The Element of Freedom, Alicia Keys; 5. Stronger With Each Tear, Mary J. Blige. METRO NEWS SERVICES

### Music

### Basia Bulat opens up

### Heart of My Own reflects singer's love of literature

ROB MCMAHON for Metro Canada

Basia Bulat's new album builds from an academic interest in the written craft of Emily Dickenson and the Brönte sisters, but also reaches to the soaring vistas of the Yukon for inspiration.

"History is full of people who are critics as well as creators. I'm probably not very good at either, but am I trying to learn and get better," said Bulat. "I love poetry and pop songs that have the ability to say so many things in such a short space. (It amazes me when) a writer can use a few lines to open up worlds."

Written during a leave of absence from her Master's thesis in English, Heart of My Own reflects a love of literature that began when Bulat's mother gave her eight-year-old daughter a "I love poetry and pop songs that have the ability to say so many things in such a short space."

Basia Bulat

copy of Jane Eyre. Her favourite Emily Dickenson poems echo the rhythm of a church choir — a kind of written cadence also reflected in classic Motown, which draws on gospel singing.

Bulat's interest in craft also comes out through the careful

thought she put into sequencing the album. The album takes on a dramatic arc built around two sides (side A ends with Sparrow) that communicate a dynamic range of sound

Basia Bulat through ebbs and flows of

arrangements and energy. "(I wanted each song) to signal what would happen next — to draw that out," she said. "(For example) the last line of the first song is, 'Let them know

the burden of your blues.' Then song two is a fun song. I really like to be able to play that way with words, and hope that came across."

Bulat's songs — which veer from rollicking stompers like If Only You to the stripped-down coffeeshop folk of Sugar and Spice are also inspired by her reaction to the Canadian north. On her first visit to

Basia Bulat's Heart of My Own — which is out Jan. 26 — is the followup to her critically acclaimed debut Oh, My Darling.

the Yukon, she was equally struck by

the silence of the landscape and tightknit community. Far from home, Bulat her brother (who played drums more than a decade) felt right

had a limited experience in the Yukon — we were only there a week — but people opened their homes to us, and were so open and giving, it was amazing," she said.

"They treated us like family, which is amazing when you are so far from your own family."

#### **In Concert**

• Basia Bulat performs at St. Matthew's United Church in Halifax on Feb. 10.

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### Barenaked Ladies carry on without Steven Page



d Robertson and Tyler Stewart are in a good mood—encouraging, given that the last couple of years haven't been easy: Robertson's plane crash, the death of Robertson's mom, and, of course, the departure of Steven Page last February.

Not the best way to celebrate the band's 20th anniversary.

"It was a huge transition and a scary one to undertake," Robertson says, "but it's been so galvanizing and so liberating for the four of us."

How does a band compensate for losing a cofounder, frontman and songwriter? "There are four guys left in the band who do a lot of things," adds Tyler Stewart. "The fact that we've been together for 20 years, we really know and support each other. The compensation is that we're way more into it than we've been in the last 10 years. We want to continue the legacy of Barenaked Ladies."

The new album — the band's 11th — called All in Good Time (due March 30) is the first record after, as Tyler says, "an intense couple of years."

Robertson and Page wrote together for two decades, churning out a long string of hits, but that all came to an end last winter. Robertson is philosophical about that. "Change is good, especially in the creative process. You get in certain ruts. It's

been nice for me to explore writing on my own. It was also a chance for is Jim (Creeggan) and Kevin (re- (Hearn) to come to the table in with songs. We approached the new record as an adventure and it was a challenge that everyone embraced."

The first single, You Run Away, started showing up

on radio this week. And going against type, it's not goofy at all. Instead, it's a very beautiful and poignant song. "A lot of the lyrics on this record are very close to the bone," Robertson explains. "I allowed myself to go there this time."

Next month, they're

off to Miami to perform at a Super Bowl event. Then Robertson will run with the Olympic torch in Vancouver before the band plays four shows during the games. Much touring will follow, including a North American tour in the spring and summer and the U.K. in the fall.

"Yesterday, I saw our schedule for the next six months. It's 1997 all over again!," Ed says. "Hello, rock 'n' roll pace. I've missed you!"

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### **Television**

### Four guys, a bus, a camera and a long list

IAN JOHNSTON

idea, but a question

### The Buried Life began not some much as a TV series

between friends. 'We just wondered what do we want to do before we die? And we just set out to do it," says Duncan Penn, who, along with brother Jonnie and friends Ben Nemtin and Dave Lingwood, serve as hosts and wish-fulfillers on

"Having our own show was actually No. 53 on says Penn.

The Buried Life.

Mavbe it wasn't top priority, but the result is an MTV series best described as The Bucket List meets Punk'd.

It's fun. It's delinquent, yet occasionally moving as

ed was how the question of what you want to do before you die would resonate with people," says Lingwood.

We had so many people help us, it seemed a natural that we'd try to help some of them.

The Buried Life follows the four Canadian college guys as they travel the countryside in a bus, fulfilling selfish dreams like attending a Playboy Mansion party, or asking Megan Fox out on a

But they also

The Buried spend some of their time re-Life premiers dreams of folks they meet on the meet of the meet on the meet of the meet on the meet of the meet on the meet on the meet of the meet on the meet on the meet of the meet on the meet of the meet on the meet of road, like helping an underprivileged room get a new computer and hooking up a street artist with the son

he hasn't seen in years. "You think about that guy and his son. He'd been



Hosts of MTV's The Buried Life, premiering Monday night.

thinking about making that call for 17 years. And we helped make it happen," says Penn.

Still, The Buried Life ain't all touchy-feely. The boys' antics do occasionally run afoul of the law such as when they attempt to tell a joke on late night

television, or when they give a toast at a stranger's wedding.

"Some are easier than others to cross off. Some you struggle with. You just never know," says Penn.

The foursome has — to date — crossed about 70 different items off their

wish list, though they're always coming up with more. One longtime goal, however, remains elusive.

"Going into space," says ngwood. "But who Lingwood. knows?"

The Buried Life premieres Monday night on

### The Grammy presenters

Justin Bieber will step onstage at the Grammy Awards after all this year - as a presenter.

The 15-year-old singing sensation from Stratford, Ont., was among the first batch of Grammy presenters announced Thursday.

He'll be joined by some of his teen-pop peers, including Miley Cyrus and the Jonas Brothers. Other presenters include ninetime Grammy winning pop-jazz singer Norah Jones, actor Jeff Bridges, rapper and actor LL Cool J, and actor Kristen Bell. The Grammy Awards are on Ian. 31. THE CANADIAN PRESS

### Kenya's Style Kenya Hunt metronews.ca/globalstyle

### New TV series doesn't shout 'I'm (the old) Spartacus!'

NED EHRBAR for Metro World News

**NEW SERIES** When the promotional trailer for the new series Spartacus: Blood and Sand was released during San Diego Comic Con, many viewers were surprised by the amount of, well, blood and naked flesh.

Along with plenty of slow-motion spurting arteries, there are some quick — and some not-so-quick — flashes of nearly ever inch of the cast, including Andy Witfield (as the titular gladiator) and Xena: Warrior Princess and Battlestar Galactica vet Lucy Lawless.

(The network) wanted to do something that's groundbreaking and boundary-pushing," explains series executive producer Rob Tapert, who put the show together along with fellow executive producer Sam Raimi (himself no stranger to buckets of blood) and writer Stephen S. DeKnight, who cut his teeth writing for Buffy the Vampire Slayer and Angel.

Tapert acknowledges that comparisons to Zack Snyder's groundbreaking swords-and-sandals epic 300 are unavoidable.

"We've used some of the same techniques," he says,



Andy Witfield stars in Spartacus: Blood and Sand

adding, "We won't be the last imitator."

And while the name and the title character are familiar, Tapert insists this new venture is a vast departure from the 1960 Kirk Douglas classic. "We took very little from the original," he says. "The original Spartacus stands alone."

As TV tends to do, the series narrows the scope of the story, focusing in on Spartacus' introduction to the world of gladiators. But Tapert insist the backstory is more than simply an excuse to get to the raunchier material.

"If you're going to have sex and you're going to have violence, you better have the substance that supports that so it's not gratuitous," he says. "The

action is stylized, but the drama is real."

Peter Mensah, who stars as gladiator trainer Doctore, thinks cable is the perfect place for a show like this, since being on network television would mean holding back.

"By pulling punches, which other networks are you end up disassociating from the characters," he

"This is going to give the audience something that's far more real.

"It really brings the story home to you because it's so in-vour-face'

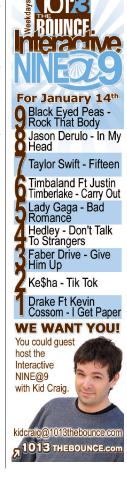
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### **Entertainment**

### Have you got the Avatar blues?

ly immersive spectacle Avatar may have been a little too real for some fans who say they have experienced depression and suicidal thoughts after seeing the film because they long to enjoy the beauty of the

On the fan forum site

people experiencing depression and fans trying to help them cope.

"I wasn't depressed myself. In fact the movie made me happy," forum adminis-trator Philippe Baghdassari-an said. "But I can understand why it made people depressed. The movie was so beautiful and it showed something we don't have here on Earth."

"Ever since I went to see Avatar I have been depressed. Watching the wonderful world of Pandora and all the Na'vi made me want to be one of them. I can't stop thinking about all the things that happened in the film and all of the tears and shivers I got from it," said a user named Mike wrote on the fan website Naviblue. "I even contemplate suicide thinking that if I do it I will be rebirthed in a world similar to Pandora and the everything is the same as in Avatar." METRO WORLD NEWS/CNN



After watching Avatar, some people have become depressed.

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Avatar Forums, a topic thread entitled "Ways to cope with the depression of the dream of Pandora being intangible," has received

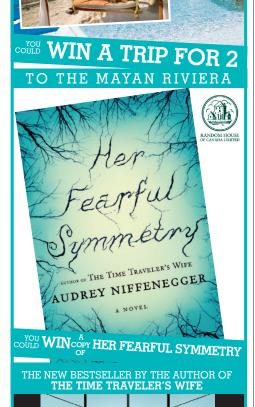
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### **Going Out**

### Metro's 7th Heaven: Metro taps what's hot right now

**Tario Tros** 

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**Cairo Time** DVD One of the best Canadian films of 2009 presents a double whammy – the acting prowess of veteran star Patricia Clarkson and the

sultry visuals of director Ruba Nadda. Throw in the exotic locales of Egypt and a mature. cross-cultur-



al romance and you've got a date movie for grown ups.

#### O'Brien vs. **Jay Leno** TV It's probably

too early to say but this one's got to be the biggest TV battle of the year. NBC's cancelling Leno's prime-time show to send him back to his old pre-midnight slot, currently held by O'Brien. Both hosts have taken potshots at their employer but now they are turning on each other on camera. This well may be the career boost both of them needed.

Contra: Vampire Weekend

ALBUM Love 'em or hate 'em. vou can't ignore these Ivy League lads. The four-piece band rocked the indie world with their self-titled debut album. Now they are back with more Afropop-New Wave-tinged rock.



The White Ribbon FILM Winner of the top prize at Cannes last year, Michael Haneke's latest work chronicles the strange occurrences inside an otherwise sleepy German village just before the First World War.

### **Mix of Six**

#### The Blue Light

When: Runs until Jan. 24 Where: The Bus Stop Theatre
A production of the Hali-

fax-based DMV Theatre Coop. Tickets are

\$30 on opening night.

### **QMJHL** Hockey When: Friday, 7

p.m.; Sunday, 4

. Where: Halifax Metro Centre The Halifax

Mooseheads have had no luck in 2010 as they continue search for their first win of the new year.

### Tommy Hunter

When: Sunday, 2 p.m. Where: Rebecca Cohn Audito-

This Canadian musical legend is coming to Halifax and will no doubt put on a performance that will have the audience tapping their feet and clapping their hands. Tickets are \$45.

### **Premier Basketball** League When: Saturday, 7 p.m.

Where: Halifax Metro Centre

The Halifax Rainmen will look to make it threestraight wins as their archrival the Vermont Frost Heaves come to town. Adult tickets are \$19.50 and \$24.50.

#### Jon Lajoie

When: Friday, 7:30 p.m. Where: Rebecca Cohn Auditorium

This Canadian comedian. actor, and Internet celebrity from Montreal is coming to Halifax for one night onlv. Tickets are \$26.50.

### Yuk Yuk's presents Tracey MacDonald When: Friday and Saturday Where: Westin Nova Scotia

MacDonald exploded onto the national comedy scene in 2003 after recording unprecedented voter support on CBS's Star Search. She will be joined by Dan Guiry and Bill Wood. Tickets are \$18.

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**Committed by Elizabeth** Gilbert BOOK The American writer's previous book Eat, Pray, Love explored the author's spiritual search in the wake of a broken relationship. The memoir went on to become a massive seller. Gilbert turns her skepticism on its head in her latest work, which tries to find out what makes marriages tick.

Golden Globe Awards SHOW Oscars Lite? Call it what you will but the Hollywood red carpet madness begins here. On the movies side, there are no clear frontrunners but as far as TV goes. Mad Men has it locked up. Airs Sunday on CTV at 9 p.m.

### Legally Blonde wins over Brits

#### OMG: Legally Blonde: The Musical has warmed the hearts of London's crusty theatre critics.

The stage show, based on the 2001 film starring Reese Witherspoon, tells the story of Elle Woods, a bubbly blond from Los Angeles who discovers her inner strength at Harvard Law School. The show earned a lukewarm reception on Broadway, where it ran for a year and a half before closing in October 2008.

Blonde opened Wednesday at London's Savoy Theatre after a month of previews that saw large, enthusiastic and female-dominated audiences embracing its brand of frivolous fun.

Despite themselves. British critics were largely won over, too.

"I tried, I really tried to hate this show, but resistance is futile," wrote Charles Spencer in Thursday's Daily Telegraph, praising the show as "light, fast, fun and frothy.'

'The stage show has its its cheek tongue in throughout, it knows it is ridiculous and infantile, and celebrates the fact with knowing wit," he said.

The Independent's Paul Taylor declared the musical "ridiculously enjoyable from start to finish," and a big improvement on the



the Broadway smash hit Legally Blonde The Musical in London.

movie. He said the lyrics by Heather Hach were "unflaggingly funny" and the score by Laurence O'Keefe and

Nell Benjamin full of "brassiness, bite, joie de vivre. sheer cheek, and even the odd strain of sadness."

The Times' Benedict

Nightingale was another convert, won over by the show as well as the enthusiasm of the audience, who "cheered, whistled and made my cavils seem precious.

The Guardian's Michael Billington was skeptical dubbing the show "preposbut still preterous'

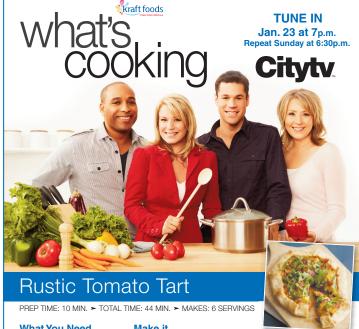
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"I tried, I really stage version to the movie. tried to hate this "The plot is pap, the show, but musical unresistance is futile." memorable, Charles Spencer, the dancing often hefty, Daily Telegraph critic

> ly Mail's often-contrarian critic although Quentin Letts. even he acknowledged that some of the lyrics were "almost worthy of Gilbert and Sullivan.

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said The Dai-



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1 ready-to-use refrigerated pie crust (1/2 of 425-g pkg.)

3 plum tomatoes (1 lb./450 g), seeded, sliced

1-1/2 cups Kraft Tex Mex Light Shredded Cheese

1/3 cup Miracle Whip Calorie-Wise Dressing 4 slices bacon

1 cup arugula

#### Make it

HEAT oven to 400°F

UNROLL pie crust on baking sheet. Arrange tomato slices in circular pattern on crust, overlapping slices as needed to fit and leaving 1-1/2-inch border at edge. Mix cheese and dressing; spread over tomatoes. Fold edge of crust over tomatoes

BAKE 20 to 24 min. or until cheese is melted and crust is golden brown, Meanwhile, cook bacon until crisp.

COOL tart 10 min. Crumble bacon. Top tart with arugula and bacon.

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Sources confirm to Entertainment Weekly that Jennifer Morrison is heading back to House later this season. The timing and context of her return are being kept under wraps, but a House insider says she will be on before the end of the season. EW.COM

### **Entertainment**

### Twiggy turns 60

### Fashion icon reflects on the past and present

BRUNO GHETTI Metro World News

One of the icons of the '60s, top English model Twiggy, turned 60 in September.

Famous for her very skinny figure, big expressive eyes and boyish looks, she has compiled some of her most famous pictures in a new book, Twiggy: a Life in Photographs. Twiggy spoke to Metro Brazil about her career.



How do you look so good at 60?

I'm happy with my life, I love what I do. I'm blessed with a good health, that's the top of the list, isn't it? I eat very healthily.



What are your memories of the '60s?

When you're living something, you don't stop every day and think: "Wow, this is amazing." It was an exciting time, but I didn't realize until I looked back how amazing that period was. I don't think any of us knew or realized it would be so important. Historically it was the

first time that the workingclass people had chances. I was really the first working class model.



You appear on the cover of David Bowie's Pin Ups. What is the story of that im-

photograph That was actually shot for the cover of English Vogue. He was very popular then. We were both kind of androgynous. They thought we would make a good cover. They shot the photo, but then the art director refused to put a man on the

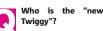


Iconic fashion model Twiggy in the '60s, left, and Twiggy now at 60 years old, right.

cover! So David Bowie said: er great '60s models, like Ver-'Don't worry, it's such a great picture, I'll use it as an uschka and Jean Shrimpton? album cover.' We met to do They were already the photograph. He is very

established, I was a little kid. But the models were sweet to me, they looked after me. I had pictures of Jean Shrimpton on my bedroom wall. I

loved her, she was fantastic



Kate Moss, definite-

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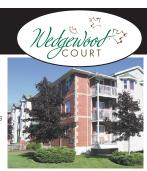
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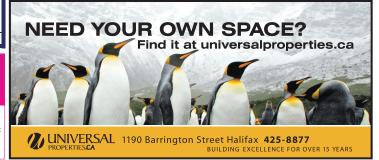


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R&B singer Teddy Pendergrass, who was one of the most electric and successful figures in music until a car crash 28 years ago left him in a wheelchair, has died of colon cancer. He was 59. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

### **Entertainment**

### 2010 movies: wizards, werewolves and warriors

Hollywood may find it tough to match 2009's record box-office revenue. but here's a sampling of a dozen movies they hope will get your attention this

JACKSON&THE **OLYMPIANS: THE LIGHTNING** THIEF A teen demigod who is the son of sea god Poseidon, Percy is falsely sus-pected of stealing uncle Zeus' lighting bolt, sending him on a quest to find the true culprit. Directed by Chris Columbus who did the first two Harry Potter flicks,

THE WOLFMAN Benicio Del Toro is the hairy beast in this update of the horror classic, playing a black sheep son who returns to his ancestral home in England after his brother is

killed and mutilated by a mysterious beast.

THE LAST SONG Contrary to the title, Miley Cyrus does not sing in her latest movie. It's all part of growing up and easing herself and fans beyond her perky Hannah Montana persona.

Cyrus is a sullen teen who turns down a scholarship to The Juilliard School and wants nothing to do with music, a reaction against her estranged father (Greg Kinnear), a pi-

WALL STREET: MONEY NEVER SLEEPS Is greed still good for Gordon Gekko?

After creating an archetype of the modern robber baron with 1987's Wall director Oliver Stone and Michael Douglas resurrect Gekko in our

IRON MAN 2 At the end of his first blockbuster about the guy in the gadgetladen metal suit, Robert Downey Jr.'s billionaire genius Tony Stark proclaims to the world, "I am Iron Man." In the sequel, "we see what the ramifications of that announcement from the first film were," said Jon Favreau, director of the Iron Man films.

SHREK FOREVER AFTER Mike Myers' Shrek meets James Stewart's George Bailey in what's billed as the final big-screen movie about the

lovable cartoon ogre. Like George, Shrek sees what the world would be without him, sneaky wheeler-dealer Rumpelstiltskin cons the



ogre into signing away his existence. PRINCE OF PERSIA: THE SANDS

OF TIME The sword-andsorcery saga casts Gyllenhaal as a street urchin adopted into a royal family who discovers a magic dagger of immense power, the weapon coming in handy after he's falsely accused of wrongdoing and goes on

TOY STORY 3 Tom Hanks' Woody the cowboy, Tim Allen's Buzz Lightyear and their plaything partners face abandonment issues in the latest chapter of the franchise that launched the computer-animation age for feature films.

THE LAST AIRBENDER Featuring Slumdog Millionaire star Dev Patel, the film is set in a world where four nations once lived in harmony, each possessing powers to manipulate one of the elements — air, water, earth and fire — balance maintained by an "avatar" who can control all elements.

**INCEPTION** Director Christopher Nolan's science-fic-tion thriller Inception, starring Leonardo

Caprio, opens in the same summer slot as his Batman blockbuster did in 2008. DiCaprio plays a new kind of corporate raider — a man who uses technology to steal into people's minds and swipe ideas and information that he can

POTTER AND THE DEATHLY HALLOWS - PART 1 The young wizard's next trick: Sawing his final adventure in half and presenting it as a two-parter. Deathly Hallows sends Harry (Daniel Radcliffe) and pals Hermione (Emma Watson) and Ron (Rupert Grint) in search of the mystical Horcruxes - which they must destroy to pull the plug on evil Voldemort (Ralph Fiennes).

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When Heidi Montag walked into her house Wednesday with her face concealed, police were summoned with a report of a possible kidnapping. But the misunderstanding was all cleared up. **PEOPLE.COM** 

### **Celebrity Buzz**

### Lindsay Lohan sex tape? Brangelina to the rescue

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HOW TO FLOG A FAILING HOLLYWOOD CAREER 101 A sex tape allegedly starring Lindsay Lohan is reportedly about to be made public, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The actress, who recently filmed a documentary about child trafficking in India, is said to be the star of a 47-second clip, which could be about to appear on the internet.

A source told the Daily Mirror newspaper, "The video film is dynamite. It is pretty seedy and shows Lindsay engaged in a particular sex act, which, obviously, should remain behind closed doors.



IT'S PRETTY COOL, ACTUALLY Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie have made good on their promise to reach out to victims of the massive earthquake that struck Haiti on Tuesday, usmagazine.com

reports.
The couple donated \$1 million US to the Doctors
Without Borders for the organi-

tion's

emergency medical operations in Haiti, the website has confirmed.

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"It is incredibly horrible to see a catastrophe of this size hit a people who

and unrest for so many decades," Jolie, who has served as a Goodwill Ambassador for the United Nations since 2001, said in a statement.

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Pitt — who, along with Jolie, has been a longtime supporter of Doctors Without Borders — added, "We understand the first response is critical to serve the immediate needs of countless people who are now displaced from their homes, are suffering trauma, and most require urgent care."

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### Depp made a statue in his own image

OH, TO BE THAT SCULPTOR Johnny Depp is currently being treated like a king on a trip to Serbia, femalefirst.co.uk reports. The Hollywood heart-throb is over in the Eastern European country to help open the Kustendorf International Film and Music Festival in the

city of Drvengrad.
Earlier in the week he was given a warm welcome by the nation and met Serbia's president Boris Tadic in the capi-

president
Tadic in
the capital Belgrade
on
Tuesday.
He

then taken to Drvengrad where officials unveiled a statue of the star in recognition of his contribution to the movie industry.

The festival was launched by Serbian director Emir Kusturica, for whom Depp is set to

take the role of Mexican revolutionary Pancho Villa. The movie, given the snappy title of Seven Friends of Pancho Villa and the Woman with Six Fingers, is rumoured

to
coming
out in
2012.

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### No 'Brand' new babies yet

BABY BUMP ALERT TAKEN DOWN TO 'YELLOW' Despite the rumours circulating online, Katy Perry is not pregnant, usmagazine.com reports. The star's rep

says reports claiming Perry, who got engaged to Russell Brand on New Year's Eve in India, was getting a sonogram and showing off a baby bump were "not true."

Plus, the singer, 25, took to her Twitter account to say that she was on "my period" Wednesday evening. "Better luck next month peepz," she posted.

Still, Perry didn't do much to squash pregnancy rumours this past Sunday, when she and her fiancé scoped out booties at a baby boutique in North London.

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### 'Look, I don't mean to be rude...'

UM, YES YOU DID — IT'S
PART OF THE JOB The
search is on for Simon Cowell's replacement on
American Idol, and
according to TMZ,
the current
front-runner

is equally testy British singer Elton John.

It would be familiar

It would be familiar territory, as John was a guest judge on the third season of the talent competition series.

METRO WORLD NEWS

### Single parents alone together

PUTTING 'DYNAMIC' IN FAMILY DYNAMICS Brooke Mueller moved back into her Los Angeles home this week, but because she was coming, Charlie Sheen had to vacate the property, according to Radar Online. The pair still have to abide by a restraining order stemming from their Christmas morning scuffle in Aspen, Colo.

Their lawyers have reportedly asked a judge to lift the restraining order so that the couple can attempt to salvage their marriage, but the district attorney's office in Aspen filed a motion blocking its



### Follow these celebrities on Twitter... Celeb**Tweets**

EMMY ROSSUM goes after Heidi Montag, LADY GAGA doesn't abide scalpers, and RUSSELL BRAND is hoping for better weather

@emmyrossum It upsets me to see young women in the spotlight advocating plastic surgery. ANY surgery is extremely dangerous & should not be taken lightly, much less, used as a tool to increase notoriety or popularity.

Qladygaga pretty genius, big huge man banging on the car window outside the arena, trying to sell me scalped tickets to my own show. yoouuu skalliwag Qrustyrockets Raining in Lathis is not the deal. London has snow. SNOW! This better be Hollywood rain that tastes of lemonade and gives superpowers.

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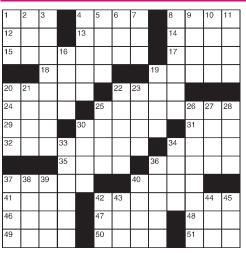








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### **Metro Recipe of the Day**



### **Chef's Salad**

#### INGREDIENTS

1 1/2 oz (40 g) anchovies drained and roughly chopped 1 garlic clove, roughly

chopped 1/2 tsp (2 ml) Dijon

mustard 4 tbsp (60 ml) olive oil 1 tbsp (15 ml) lemon juice

2 tbsp (25 ml) thick cream 1 romaine lettuce, torn into bite-sized pieces 4 tomatoes, cut into

wedges 1 avocado, diced 1/4 cucumber, diced 3 1/2 oz (100 g) Gouda cheese, diced 3 1/2 oz (100 g) roast ham,

### diced

1. Put anchovy fillets, garlic, mustard, oil and

lemon juice into food processor or blender. Blend until dressing is smooth, then add cream and blend again for just a few seconds.

Take Five

2. Put lettuce, tomatoes, avocado, cucumber, cheese and ham into large bowl and gently mix together.

3. Lightly drizzle anchovy dressing over salad, season with black pepper and serve at once.

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### ARIES

MARCH 21-APRIL 20
This is a great day to make major decisions about what you do for a living. With a solar eclipse in the career area of your chart your decisions are sure to be good ones.

### SEPT 23-OCT 23

You cannot be pushed into doing something against your will but you can be persuaded if the proposal is good enough.

#### TAURUS

APRIL 21-MAY 21 The answer to a problem that has been teasing you from the edge of your subconscious for weeks, maybe even months,

will pop into your head today.

### **SCORPIO**

OCT 24-NOV 22
You are well aware that you cannot solve a problem by run-ning away from it, and that fact alone puts you at an advantage over your rivals.

### **GEMINI**

MAY 22-JUNE 21 The best way to deal with money worries is to pretend they do not exist. However, others may say you are fooling no one.

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#### **SAGITTARIUS** NOV 23-DEC 21

You are a lot richer than you imagine and with some out-standing cosmic activity in the money area of your chart you won't be out of pocket for long.

#### CANCER

JUNE 22-JULY 22 Go out of your way to stay on good terms with everyone you meet today because the more friends you make now the more success you will enjoy.

#### **CAPRICORN** DEC 22-JAN 20

Mercury, planet of the mind, appears to have come to a stop in your sign, a cosmic illusion, of course, but an important

#### LEO JULY 23-AUG 23

You will rediscover your enthusiasm for something that you seemed to lose interest in during the closing weeks of last

### **AQUARIUS**

JAN 21-FEB 18
Anyone who expects you to stand there like a fool and just take what they are saying about you obviously does not know you too well.

#### VIRGO AUG 24-SEPT 22

You may not be much of a be-

liever in miracles but the planets indicate that something out of the ordinary is going to occur today.

### **PISCES**

#### FEB 19-MARCH 20

Something you find out about a friend will shock you and excite you in equal measure. Who would have thought they could have kept such a juicy secret?



### This day in history

588 BC: Nebuchadnezzar II of Babylon lays siege to Jerusalem under Zedekiah's reign. The siege lasts until July 23, 586 BC. 1782: Superintendent of Finance Robert Morris goes before the U.S. Congress to recommend establishment of a national mint and decimal coinage.

1889: The Coca-Cola Company, then known as the Pemberton Medicine Company, is originally incorporated in Atlanta, Ga. 1892: James Naismith publishes the rules of basketball. 1919: Boston Molasses Disaster: A large molasses tank in Boston, Mass., bursts and a wave of molasses rushes through the streets,

killing 21 people and injuring 150 others.

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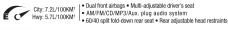
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